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SUBJ: CABINDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE

REFS (A) STATE 083696, (B) GENEVA 02712

1. JISSION DOUBTS THAT GOZ WILL ACCOMPLISH RELOCATION OF REFUGEES TO AREAS OUTSIDE STIPULATED 20 KMS FROM CABINDAN BORDER WITHOUT CONCERTED PRODDING AND ASSISTANCE FROM UNHCR. ACCORDING TO DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR REP KINSHASA ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15, UNHCR WAITING ON GOZ INITIATIVES AND NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO RESOLVE THIS APPARENT IMPASSE.

2. INSTRUCTIONS FROM GENEVA TO UNHCR REP REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF REF B APPEAR INCONSISTENT SINCE, PER INSTRUCTIONS: QTE IN PRINCIPLE, DISTRIBUTION WILL NOT BE MADE AT DISTANCES LESS THAN 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE ZAIRE FRONTIER WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. END QTE - YET SUBSECTIONS E AND F OF THE SAME PARAGRAPH URGE THE UNHCR TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE CAMP AT KARJI TEMBE AND THE KUIMBA HOSPITAL. BOTH OF THESE LOCATIONS ARE WITHIN 20 KMS OF THE CABINDAN BORDER. THESE POINTS NEED CLARIFICATION.

3. RE PARA 5, REF B, MISSION BELIEVES NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN SHELA ZONE REPORTED AS 12,611 BY UNHCR, KINSHASA UNDERESTIMATED AND TRUE TOTAL IS CLOSER TO 23,000 AS PREVIOUSLY
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REPORTED IN KINSHASA 3074 WITH APPROXIMATELY 17,000 IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. MISSION WOULD PREFER THAT BUDGET AND PROJECTED ASSISTANCE FOR BAS-FLEUVE SUBREGION AND PARTICULARLY PROVISIONS FOR TSHELA ZONE BE IDENTIFIED AS SPEARATE FROM ASSISTANCE PROJECTED FOR CATARACTS SUBREGION. LUMPING FUNDS FOR TWO WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS WHERE DIFFERENT CONDITIONS EXIST TENDS TO OBSECURE UNHCR REPORTS

AND WILL NOT GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF RELIEF EFFORTS IN
THE TSHELA LUKULA ZONES. MISSION BELIEVES THAT AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED, THAT APPROXIMATELY DOLS 600,000 WILL BE NEEDED FOR
6 MONTHS ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES TSHELA ZONE.
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